



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

10/05/05
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PLACEMENTS UP 7%

For the week ending October 01, 2005, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 6.6% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 million) increased 6.6% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.9 million, an increase of 3.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending September 24, 2005 compared to 11.5 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
08/06/05	13,881	14,184	11,439	11,810	11,614	11,813
08/13/05	13,803	13,875	11,416	11,826	11,416	11,827
08/20/05	13,898	14,093	11,481	11,708	11,481	11,711
08/27/05	13,704	13,822	11,569	11,751	11,569	11,806
09/03/05	13,342	13,807	11,509	11,523	11,509	11,601
09/10/05	12,708	13,569	11,584	11,570	11,584	11,570
09/17/05	12,087	13,129	11,501	11,599	11,501	11,602
09/24/05	13,345	13,832	11,181	11,498	11,181	11,498
10/01/05	13,389	13,894	10,634	11,335	10,634	11,335

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	10/08/05			
New York Weighted Avg	68.39	68.43	69.60	63.26
12-City Composite 2/	69.48	70.21	71.38	69.92

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.